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Murray Wilson, Environmental Resource Specialist San Luis Obispo County Department of Planning and Building 976 Osos Street, Room 300 San Luis Obispo, CA 93408-2040

Re: Las Pilitas Quarry – Draft Environmental Impact Report Comments DRC 2009-00025

Dear Mr. Wilson:

On behalf of Lehigh Hanson, this letter provides brief written comments on the draft environmental impact report ("DEIR") for the proposed Las Pilitas Quarry. Lehigh Hanson is the owner and operator of the Hanson Aggregates Quarry, a longstanding quarry operation located west of the Las Pilitas Quarry project site.

Lehigh Hanson takes no position concerning the approval or disapproval of the Las Pilitas Quarry. We have no operational or legal connection with the proposed project, and if the project is approved, it would be a separate operation from the Hanson Aggregates Quarry, and serve a distinct customer base.

Our review of the DEIR indicates that the Planning Department and its consultants have done a thorough and professional job, and that the County deserves recognition for the quality of its work. Our comments below are limited to statements in the DEIR which refer to our Hanson Aggregates Quarry expansion – a separate project that is expected to undergo CEQA review in the near future

- 1. The DEIR treats the current Hanson Aggregates Quarry traffic and associated emissions as part of the CEQA baseline and states that such traffic and emissions will not change with our expansion. (DEIR, 4.3-37.) This treatment is entirely correct. Lehigh Hanson's project will not increase truck traffic, and onsite emissions will actually be reduced using various means. Our forthcoming project allows us only to continue our existing operations, at their present rate, by ensuring the continued availability of high-quality granite.
- 2. Section 6.8 of the DEIR describes an alternative truck access road to the Las Pilitas Quarry site using a private road associated with the Hanson Aggregates Quarry. To date, Lehigh Hanson has not been approached regarding the possibility of using this road, nor have we been asked to consider if the alternative may affect our operations. We would hope to have these

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discussions if the County or the Las Pilitas proponents desire to bring this alternative forward as part of the as-built project.

We thank the County for the opportunity to comment.

Very truly yours,

Terry Marshall